

## Take Away – Soul Trek: You are Chosen!

Text: Galatians 5: 22 - 26

Date: 11-14-21



### With your group...

In the sermon series, “Soul Trek!”, we are almost to the end of our journey. The CHRIST acronym for the journey stands for:

- Confidence in Christ
- Helps in Discipleship
- Responsibilities in Ministry
- **The Wall** - transition stage from the first to the second half of life.
- Inner Journey
- Spirit-Led Ministry (today)
- Transforming Union

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and today’s sermon.

1. “Your personal GPS (G- God’s Word + P - Providence + S – Spirit Impressions) is a tool used in this stage of the Soul Journey. **G** - in this stage, you can’t help but daily soak up God’s Word. You thirst for it.” Read Psalm 42: 1 - 6. In what ways have you “thirsted” for God’s word? What are the circumstances when you “thirst” the most? Is it in both joyful and challenging times?
2. “**P** - in this stage, you see your life not driven by luck, karma, or chance. God has a perfect plan. It’s divine providence carrying you through life. And you are not afraid of the future. Actually, you are stoked about what God will do over your lifetime.” Read Jeremiah 29:11; Philippians 1:6; Romans 15: 13; Proverbs 19: 20 – 21; Proverbs 3: 5 - 6. What does God’s word say about the future and how we should look at it?
3. “**S** - Spirit Impressions: Could be interpreted as conscience but it is deeper! This is when God puts someone or something on your mind and you know you better pursue it. You are driving to work and sense a person in your life needs to hear encouragement from you. You are seeing a need and know you must try to help. The Holy Spirit is speaking to you.” Read John 14: 26; John 16:13; Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:26; Romans 8:5. What does God’s word say about how and in what ways the Holy Spirit guides us?
4. “When you think that your past sins, or woundedness disqualifies you from being ‘used’ by God.” Read Psalm 25: 8 – 15. What does God’s word have to say about sinners and how He chooses to use them?

5. In what ways can it be true that “In God’s service our wounds actually help to qualify us for ministry.”
6. Do you agree or disagree with, “There is no better time to be a part of the local church.”? Explain.

### **With your kids...**

With the children in your small group, commit to discussing each of the following 4 ideas about how to guide them through hard times (taken from kidsfaithkrate.com):

7. Read Psalm 42: 1 - 6. In what ways have you “thirsted” for God’s word?
8. What are some of the times when you “thirst” the most for God’s word?
9. Do you think about reading the Bible in both good and hard times? Explain.
10. In what ways can God use the hard times you have had to bless and serve your friends?

### **Diving Deeper...**

For a deeper dive this week, read Galatians 5: 22 - 26 and then discuss each of the following questions.

11. How are the fruit of the Spirit more than mere niceties? Do you think that they are radically countercultural in their true form?
12. Have you ever reflected on the nature of Christian freedom? What do you find most amazing about it? How extensive is it?
13. Do you find it exciting or empowering to know that God’s gift of the Holy Spirit is like a seed planted in you?
14. How would you describe each of the fruit of the Spirit listed here? Do you think that this list is meant to be exhaustive? Why or why not?
15. Why is it important to distinguish between fruit being the evidence of our relationship with God rather than the means of salvation?

### **On your own...**

For your individual study this week, think and pray about each of the following questions after rereading Galatians 5: 22- 26.

16. The fruits of the Spirit include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Who comes to mind when you think of each one? Explain.
17. Which fruit of the Spirit do you think is most evident in your own life? Which is least?
18. Why does Paul say that there “is no law against these things?” (vs.23)
19. What does it mean to “nail the passions and desires” of the sinful nature to Jesus’ cross? What does this look like in your own life?